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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9946

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1321

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ET, SU

SUBJECT: ERITREA: "ACCEPTANCE" NIMEIRI'S INITIATIVE "EXPALINED"

BY FONOFF

REF: KHARTOUM 1298

1. DURING A TALK WITH FONOFF USEC MIRGHANI MAY 31, AMBASSADOR SAID NIMEIRI'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) HAD BEEN INTERPRETED BY REUTERS AS ANNOUNCING ACCEPTANCE SUDANESE MEDIATION ON PART BOTH EPMG AND ERITREANS. MIRGHANI REPLIED THAT WORD NIMEIRI HAD USED DID MEAN ACCEPTANCE. STAUTS COULD TE CHARACTERIZED AS ONE OF "OPEN REJECTION AND SECRET ACCEPTANCE." HE THOUGHT NIMEIRI HAD RECEIVED PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS FROM BOTH SIDES ACCEPTING HIS MEDIATION OFFER. HOWEVER, EPMG WAS ANNOYED BY HIS STATEMENT  
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WHICH APPEARED TO CONFIRM THIS PUBLICLY.

2. AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER IT WAS THEN CORRECT TO ASSUME THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND EARLY MEETING TWO SIDES WITHOUT CONDITIONS COULD BE EXPECTED. MIRGHANI SAID NO, THAT HE HOPED SITUATION WOULD EVOLVE IN THIS DIRECTION BUT THAT SUCH A MEETING STILL LAY IN FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: MIRGHWXI OBVIOUSLY WAS ILL AT EASE WHEN ASKED C YOENT ON NIMEIRI'S STATEMENT. BELIEVE HIS REMARKS SHOULD BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT GREAT RELUCTANCE ANY SENIOR SUDANESE OFFICIAL TO TAKE ISSUE WITH A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. IN ANY CASE, WITHOUT BECOMING FURTHER MIRE IN SEMANTIC SWAMP, HIS COMMENTSHNONFIRM THAT TTARE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT FORWARD MOVEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUDANESE MEDIATION. BREWYK

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